

Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern Railroad, and to operate the same under the charter of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same, and to construct branches therefrom by amendment of its charter under the general laws of the State of Texas."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:10 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

**ROGERS, Chairman.**

On motion of Senator Kerr, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

#### SIXTY-FIRST DAY.

**Senate Chamber,**

Austin, Tex., Thursday, April 1.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	

**Absent.**

Boren. Rogers.  
Presler.

**Excused.**

Yett.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lowbet, of Austin:

We thank God for all institutions calculated to advance a true civilization for the home, the church, and the nation. We especially thank the Heavenly Father that we live in the midst of a high Christian civilization. We ask the blessing of God upon the great State of Texas; upon all departments of the government; and especially upon the legislative department. May all be conscientious in

their work, and may the laws passed be for the good of the people in our great State: We ask in the name of Christ, our precious Savior. Amen.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Harrison, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Yantis,

Senator Gough was excused for non-attendance on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Morriss,

Senator Rogers was excused for today, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Burns,

Senator Atlee was excused for non-attendance on Friday last, on account of important business.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

**Committee Room,**

Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 79, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent immoral publications and to prevent the sale and distribution of such publications, making a violation thereof a felony, prescribing penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**STAFFORD, Chairman.**

**Committee Room,**

Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 40, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 1277, and to amend article 1278 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to continuances."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

**STAFFORD, Chairman.**

Report so referred.

**Committee Room,**

Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 426, a bill to be enti-

tled "An act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Franklin county the criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to it under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 314, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 529c, 529d, 529g, 529h, 529m and 529n, of chapter 5, title 13, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1895, by adding articles 529s and 529t to said chapter 5, title 13, of said Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to offenses for the protection of fish and oysters, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 337, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 207, chapter 1, title 8, of the Penal Code, changing the penalty in perjury cases, except as provided for in article 208 of the Penal Code, from not more than ten years nor less than five years in the penitentiary, to not more than ten years nor less than two years in the penitentiary."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 160, a bill to be enti-

tled "An act to amend articles 403, 404 and 405, of title 11, chapter 6, of the Revised Penal Code, in regard to unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors in prohibition districts,"

Have had the same under consideration, and at the request of the author I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 271, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county court of Orange county the criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to it under the Constitution and general statutes of the State of Texas, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court to such change, and to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act in so far as they relate to Orange county."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that another bill of similar import has passed the House.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 81, a bill to be entitled "An act to make the living together and having carnal intercourse with each other, or the habitual carnal intercourse with each other without living together, of a man and woman within the State of Texas when not legally married together a criminal offense, and to provide an appropriate penalty for said offense, and to repeal articles 353, 354, 355, 356, 357 and 358, of title 10, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that another bill of similar import has already been reported favorably.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 571, a bill to be entitled "An act prescribing the time of holding the terms of the district court in the Twenty-eighth, Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

House bill No. 614, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the district courts in the Eighth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

House bill No. 613, a bill to be entitled "An act to set apart for free school purposes four leagues of land heretofore granted to the territory known as Greer county, and to authorize the Attorney General to institute proceedings for the recovery of said land."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate concurrent resolution No. 18, being a resolution requesting the Governor of Texas to return to the Senate

House joint resolution No. 7, entitled "A joint resolution ratifying and confirming the action of the attorneys representing the State of Texas in compromising its claim to its University lands in McLennan county, Texas," in order that the same may be presented to the President of the Senate for his signature,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

House bill No. 309, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of public lands in quantities of 20 acres or less, situated on islands, by actual settlers, who have settled on and placed valuable improvements thereon, in good faith, or to their vendees, prior to the first day of January, 1895, and prescribing the price, terms, manner and time of such purchase,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.  
Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom were referred the resolutions in regard to the discharge of clerks, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to ask for further time, in order to give all of the chairmen of important committees an opportunity to be heard.

Respectfully,

KERR, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.  
Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 149, entitled "An act to amend article 3893 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the investment of the permanent school fund,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of  
the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills  
have carefully examined and com-  
pared

Senate bill No. 207, entitled "An act  
to repeal article 2757 of the Revised  
Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,  
relating to the sale of real estate in  
Texas belonging to non-resident wards  
and the removal of the proceeds be-  
yond the State,"

And find the same correctly en-  
grossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Ross:

Senate bill No. 335, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act creating a State text-book  
board, and county text-book boards,  
defining the powers and duties there-  
of, and to authorize and provide for  
the adoption, by the several counties  
of the State respectively, of a uniform  
series of text-books to be used in the  
public free schools in the respective  
counties, and to provide penalties for  
the violation of this act, and to repeal  
all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to the  
Committee on Education.

On motion of Senator Beall, the bill  
was ordered printed.

By Senator Lewis:

Senate bill No. 336, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to amend article 651,  
chapter 3, title XXI, of the Revised  
Civil Statutes, defining the powers and  
duties of private corporations, and  
granting to street railway companies,  
now existing or hereafter chartered,  
the right to use the tracks and roadbed  
of other street railway companies in  
cities or incorporated towns."

Read first time and referred to Judi-  
ciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Woods:

Senate bill No. 337, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to amend sections 117,  
118, 119, 120, 121, 122 and 123, of arti-  
cle 7, chapter VI, of Special Laws of  
the State of Texas, passed at the regu-  
lar session of the Twenty-fourth Leg-  
islature, entitled 'An act to incorporate  
the city of Sherman, in Grayson coun-  
ty, Texas, and to fix the boundaries  
thereof, and to provide for its govern-  
ment and the management of its af-  
fairs.' "

Read first time and referred to Com-  
mittee on Towns and City Corpora-  
tions.

Call concluded.

Senator Colquitt called up,

Senate bill No. 30, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to enable the Railroad  
Commission of Texas to make emer-  
gency freight rates to prevent the evil  
effects of interstate rate wars upon  
the business and interests of the peo-  
ple and railroads of this State,"

Which had passed the House with  
amendments, and moved that the Sen-  
ate concur in said amendments.

Concurred.

Senator Woods called up,

Senate bill No. 258, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to empower the State  
Board of Education to procure, for use  
in the public free schools of the State  
of Texas, a series of uniform text-  
books; defining the duties of certain  
officers therein named with reference  
thereto; making appropriation there-  
for; defining certain misdemeanors;  
providing penalties for the violation of  
the provisions of this act, and declar-  
ing an emergency,"

And had same made special order for  
Tuesday, April 6, after call, and from  
day to day.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on  
third reading,

House bill No. 413, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to amend article 3384, ti-  
tle LXIX, of the Revised Civil Stat-  
utes of the State of Texas, relating to  
local option."

Bill read third time, and passed by  
the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.

Nays—6.

Beall.	Harrison.
Darwin.	Morriss.
Goss.	Woods.

Absent.

Atlee.	Presler.
Boren.	Stafford.
Burns.	

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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The Chair laid before the Senate, on  
third reading,

House bill No. 612, a bill to be en-  
titled "An act to validate and confirm  
an ordinance passed by the city coun-  
cil of the city of Laredo, ceding to the  
United States of America certain

streets intersecting land to be purchased by the United States of America for the purpose of providing a new site for the military post or reservation called Fort McIntosh, for the erection of fortifications and for such other uses as the government of the United States may desire."

Bill read third time, and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

House bill No. 563, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 6, of chapter 132, of the Acts of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, passed at the regular session thereof, and entitled an act to create a more efficient road system for Dallas, Lamar and Medina counties, Texas, and making county commissioners of said counties ex-officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and defining the duties and powers of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said counties, and providing for officers' fees, and to provide for the summoning of teams for roads, and allowance of time of service for same on roads, and fixing a penalty for violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Lewis.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Boren.	Presler.
Kerr.	Stafford.

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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On motion of Senator Yantis, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up on its second reading,

Concurrent resolution No. 18, requesting the Governor of Texas to re-

turn to the Senate House joint resolution No. 7, entitled "A joint resolution ratifying and confirming the action of the attorneys representing the State of Texas in compromising its claim to its University lands in McLennan county, Texas," in order that the same may be presented to the President of the Senate for his signature.

Resolution read second time, and adopted.

(Senator Goss in the chair.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 96, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide the mode of furnishing certain supplies to the asylums, and to repeal chapter 3, title IX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted April 29, 1895,"

Action being on passage to a third reading.

Bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Linn of Victoria.
Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Goss.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Kerr.	

Nays—1.

Gough.

Absent.

Boren.	Stone.
Presler.	Tillett.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Harrison.
Bailey.	Kerr.
Beall.	Lewis.
Colquitt.	Linn of Victoria.
Darwin.	Linn of Wharton.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Greer.	Ross.

Stafford.	Woods.
Terrell.	Yantis.
Turney.	
	Nays—2.
Bowser.	Gough.
	Absent.
Boren.	Stone.
Burns.	Tillett.
Presler.	Wayland.
	Excused.
Rogers.	Yett.

By consent, Senator Beall offered the following:

Whereas, Hon. Jo Abbott, who for ten years has been an honored and influential member from Texas of the national Congress, is now in the city; therefore be it

Resolved, that the courtesies of this body be extended to him, and that he be invited to a seat within the bar of the Senate.

Adopted, and Senator Beall appointed to escort the honorable gentleman to a seat with the President.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

House bill No. 168, "An act to punish persons for wilfully turning out or permitting to run at large, within a county or subdivision of any county in which the stock law has been adopted, stock not permitted to run at large."

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Bailey.	Lewis.
Beall.	Linn of Victoria.
Colquitt.	Linn of Wharton.
Darwin.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Stafford.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	

Nays—5.

Atlee.	Terrell.
Gough.	Yantis.
Ross.	

Absent.

Boren.	Stone.
Bowser.	Tillett.
Burns.	Wayland.
Presler.	

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 176, a bill to be entitled "An act to quiet titles to lands lo-

cated and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States, a certificate for 1280 acres of land, approved April 9, 1881, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys."

Bill read second time, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports.

Senator Turney moved the adoption of the majority report.

Senator Gough moved as a substitute that the minority (adverse) report be adopted.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bowser.	Linn of Victoria.
Colquitt.	Morriss.
Darwin.	Neal.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Ross.
Boren.	Stafford.
Burns.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate took a recess of 15 minutes.

#### AFTER RECESS.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Dibrell.
Bailey.	Goss.
Beall.	Gough.
Burns.	Greer.
Colquitt.	Harrison.
Darwin.	Kerr.

Lewis.	Terrell.
Linn of Victoria.	Tillett.
Linn of Wharton.	Turney.
Morriss.	Wayland.
Neal.	Woods.
Ross.	Yantis.

Absent.

Boren.	Stafford.
Bowser.	Stone.
Presler.	

Excused.

Rogers.	Yett.
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By consent, the following bill was introduced:

By Senator Atlee:

Senate bill No. 338, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the county commissioners courts of the various counties in this State to retire and fund their outstanding floating indebtedness and to provide for the payment of the same."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 476, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore and confer upon the county court of San Saba county the civil and criminal jurisdiction formerly belonging to said county under the Constitution and general statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 459, a bill to be entitled "An act to require bond investment companies doing business in the State of Texas to deposit certain sums of money or securities with the Treasurer of the State of Texas, and providing penalties for failure to comply with the terms of this law."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 549, a bill to be entitled "An act to restore to the county court of Atascosa county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Texas, to define the jurisdiction of said court, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change, to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

House bill No. 105, a bill to be entitled "An act to require the owner, owners or lessees of coal mines within this State to provide for the safety and health of their employes, and requiring them to construct sufficient means of ingress and egress, and providing a penalty for a failure to do so."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 193, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4308 of title XC, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to public weighers,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

**Committee Room,**

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 293, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize corporations to engage in the business of becoming surety on bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other obligations, required or permitted by law or the charter, ordinances, rules or regulations of any municipality, board, body, organization, court, judge or other public officer, to be made, given, tendered or filed, with surety or sureties, and guaranteeing the refraining from or performance by another of any act, duty or obligation, and to regulate such business, and to repeal chapter XVI, title 21, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

**PENDING BUSINESS.**

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 176, a bill to be entitled "An act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of land certificates granted under the act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled an act granting to persons who have been permanently disabled by reason of wounds received while in the service of this State or of the Confederate States, a certificate for 1280 acres of land, approved April 9, 1881, and to validate patents issued on such locations and surveys."

Action being on Senator Gough's motion to adopt the adverse minority committee report.

The motion (Gough's) was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Woods.

Nays—20.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yantis.

**Absent.**

Boren.	Presler.
Bowser.	Stone.

**Excused.**

Yett.

The majority report (favorable) was then adopted.

By Senator Beall:

Amend by striking out section 2.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Beall.	Harrison.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Woods.

Nays—18.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Bailey.	Neal.
Burns.	Rogers.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn of Victoria.	Wayland.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.

Yeas.	Paired.	Nays.
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Colquitt.	Dibrell.
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**Absent.**

Boren.	Presler.
Bowser.	Stone.

**Excused.**

Yett.

By Senator Beall:

Amend by adding to section 3 the following: "And provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to nor affect the rights of third parties heretofore acquired in good faith."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Beall.	Harrison.
Colquitt.	Linn of Wharton.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Gough.	Woods.
Greer.	

Nays—16.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Goss.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn of Victoria.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Yantis.

**Absent.**

Boren.	Presler.
Bowser.	Stone.
Dibrell.	

**Excused.**

Yett.



**By Senator Beall:**

Amend by adding to section 3 the following: "Provided further, that this act shall in no way affect suits brought by the State of Texas pending wherein the validity of such surveys or the patents issued therefor are in any way involved."

Lost.

The bill was passed to a third reading.

Senator Lewis moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to third reading, and lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 90, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Texas, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the same, and to provide for appointment of a State Board of Dental Examiners."

Bill read second time.

**By Senator Colquitt:**

Amend by striking out section 10, on page 4.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Colquitt.	Kerr.
Darwin.	Linn of Victoria.
Gough.	Ross.
Harrison.	Yantis.

Nays—16.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Stafford.
Burns.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Turney.
Linn of Wharton.	Wayland.
Morriss.	Woods.

Absent.

Boren.	Goss.
Bowser.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Stone.

Excused.

Yett.

(Senator Linn of Wharton in the chair.)

**By Senator Yantis:**

Amend by striking out section 13.

Lost.

**By Senator Harrison:**

Amend on page 3, by striking out lines 4 and 5, from the word "meet," and insert in lieu thereof "twice each year at Waco."

**By Senator Bailey:**

Amend the amendment by striking out the word "Waco," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Fort Worth."

Lost.

The amendment (Harrison's) was then lost.

Pending further action,

Senator Colquitt called up

Senate bill No. 240, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1885, which may have been returned delinquent or reported sold to the State or to any county, city or town to satisfy the lien thereon; as enacted by the regular session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being chapter 5a, of title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to delinquent taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,"

Which had passed the House with amendments, and moved that the Senate refuse to concur in said amendments, and that a free conference committee be appointed.

Carried.

Senator Linn of Victoria moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Colquitt.	Kerr.
Goss.	Linn of Victoria.
Harrison.	Presler.

Nays—21.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Ross.
Bowser.	Stafford.
Burns.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Boren.	Stone.
Dibrell.	

Excused.

Yett.

On motion of Senator Turney, pending business was suspended, to take up Senate concurrent resolution No. 17, authorizing and empowering the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to place a statue of one of the fathers of Texas in the Hall of Statuary in the national capitol at Washington, D. C., Resolution read.

Senator Harrison moved to adjourn to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Lost.

By Senator Greer:

Amend by striking out in line 26 of section 1 the following: "representing and in memory of one of the fathers of Texas," and by inserting in lieu thereof "of Sam Houston."

Lost.

Resolution adopted.

#### HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, April 1, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Senate bill No. 171, entitled "An act to amend article 3582a, title LXXVa of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the Board of Pardon Advisers."

Passed by a two-thirds vote: yeas 91, nays 19.

Senate bill No. 240, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1885, which may have been returned delinquent or reported sold to the State or to any county, city or town to satisfy the lien thereon; as enacted by the regular session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, being chapter 5a, of title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to delinquent taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Passed by a two-thirds vote: yeas 103, nays 4.

Senate bill No. 285, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battlefield of San Jacinto, and the erection of the necessary buildings and improvements therein, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon upon which to establish said park."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

Senator Yantis moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Lost.

Resuming consideration of Substitute House bill No. 90 (see caption above), the same was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Goss, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

#### SIXTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Friday, April 2.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent.

Boren.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stone.

Excused.

Yett.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Hotchkiss of Bastrop:

O Thou God of all Grace, who in the tenderness of Thy love dost rule over men, we are not unmindful of Thy blessings to us, and we do now lift our voices in expression of thanks to Thee for Thy unceasing mercies to us as a nation and commonwealth. Thou hast blest us richly through all our history. Signal and gracious have been our deliverances from evil. Defend us, we beseech Thee, and bless us in all our foreign relations and in the administration of our internal affairs. Bless the President of these United States, and the Congress now in session. We pray blessings upon the Chief Executive of this commonwealth, and the Legislature now at work. Delicate and grave are the responsibilities that come to us in our work. Give grace and wisdom to Thy servants here, for this hour and its demands, and help us to glorify and magnify Thy name. Guide us ever by